'gerous, and has proved fatal to many of 'your ſex.' With this opinion I perfectly coincide. A man, or a woman, of any feeling, muſt always wiſh to convince a beloved object that it is the careſſes of the individual, not the ſex, that is received and returned with pleaſure; and, that the heart, rather than the ſenſes, is moved. Without this natural delicacy, love becomes a ſelfiſh perſonal gratification that ſoon degrades the character.

I carry this ſentiment ſtill further. Affection, when love is out of the queſtion, authoriſes many perſonal endearments, that naturally flowing from an innocent heart, give life to the behaviour; but the perſonal intercourſe of appetite, gallantry, or vanity, is deſpicable. When a man ſqueezes the hand of a pretty woman, handing her to a carriage, whom he has never ſeen before, ſhe will conſider ſuch an impertinent freedom in the light of an inſult, if ſhe have any true delicacy, inſtead of being flattered by this unmeaning homage to beauty. Theſe are the privileges of friendſhip, or the momentary homage which the heart pays to virtue, when it

it flaſhes ſuddenly on the notice—mere animal ſpirits have no claim to the kindneſſes of affection!

Wiſhing to feed the affections with what is now the food of vanity, I would fain perſuade my ſex to act from ſimpler principles. Let them merit love, and they will obtain it, though they may never be told that—'The 'power of a fine woman over the hearts 'of men, of men of the fineſt parts, is even 'beyond what ſhe conceives.'

I have already noticed the narrow cautions with reſpect to duplicity, female ſoftneſs, delicacy of conſtitution; for theſe are the changes which he rings round without ceaſing—in a more decorous manner, it is true, than Rouſſeau; but it all comes home to the ſame point, and whoever is at the trouble to analyze theſe ſentiments, will find the firſt principles not quite ſo delicate as the ſuperſtructure.

The ſubject of amuſements is treated in too curſory a manner; but with the ſame ſpirit.

When I treat of friendſhip, love, and marriage, it will be found that we materially differ in opinion; I ſhall not then foreſtall what I have to obſerve on theſe important

ſubjects;